

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's Office Action of March 18, 2008 issued in relation to the present Patent Application, the Applicants submit Amendments to the specification and claims, as well as the below Remarks.

Claims 8, 9, 33, 34, 48-50, 52, 53 and new claims 57-60 are presented for examination. Claims 57, 58 and 59 are independent claims.

Regarding Amendments

The specification has been amended to correct typographical errors. The Amendments do not add any new matter to the present application.

The abstract has been amended to conform with claim 57, and to be a single paragraph.

New claims 57-60 are presented. The new independent claims 57-59 correspond to the embodiments described on page 117, lines 5-34.

Claims 8, 9, 33, 34 have been amended to more clearly define the invention. Claims 1-7, 10-32, 35-47, 51, and 54-56 have been cancelled from the application.

Regarding Specification objection

The Abstract is objected to because the abstract is not a single paragraph.

The Abstract has been amended.

Regarding 35 USC 102 Rejections

Claims 1-56 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being unpatentable over Waxelbaum (US 6,869,016).

Claims 1-7, 10-32, 35-47, 51, and 54-56 have been cancelled from the application.

Waxelbaum teaches a bar code reader having an internally stored user identification. The bar code reader reads a bar code symbol, processes the data from the bar code symbol and the user identification into a message, and automatically transmits the message over a wireless communication link connected to a network according to a predetermined message delivery profile.

With regards to claim 57-59, Waxelbaum fails to teach determining that the data from the bar code symbol is indicative of a communication request associated with a provider. Waxelbaum always perform the same function, irrespective of the data.

With regards to claim 57, Waxelbaum further fails to teach providing to the user device a provider address associate with the provider, and that a message and a destination address are sent to the provider address from the user device.

With regards to claim 58, Waxelbaum fails to teach facilitating a communication, and then transferring a payment request for the communication to the provider.


With regards to claim 59, Waxelbaum fails to teach extracting from the sensing data a message and a destination address. Furthermore, Waxelbaum fails to teach sending to a provider address associated with the provider at least the message and the destination address, and forwarding, by the provider, the message to the destination address.

Claims 8, 9, 33, 34, 48-50, 52, 53 and 60 are dependent on one or more of claims 58-59, and are believed to be patentable for at least the reasons presented with regards to those claims.


CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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